

REMARKS

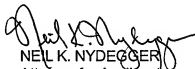
In the Office Action, the Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement between Group I (claims 1-9), drawn to an eye stabilization system for positioning a patient's eye for laser surgery, classified in class 606, subclass 10; Group II (claims 10-15), drawn to a method for stabilizing a patient's eye during laser eye surgery, classified in class 606, subclass 04; and Group III (claims 16-20) drawn to a system for positioning a patient's eye for laser surgery, the system comprising a verification/feedback sub-system, classified in class 606, subclass 12.

In response, Applicant hereby elects for prosecution on the merits, with traverse, claims 1-9, drawn to an eye stabilization system for positioning a patient's eye for laser surgery, classified in class 606, subclass 10. Accordingly, claims 10-15, drawn to a method for stabilizing a patient's eye during laser eye surgery, classified in class 606, subclass 04, and claims 16-20, drawn to a system for positioning a patient's eye for laser surgery, the system comprising a verification/feedback sub-system, classified in class 606, subclass 12, may be withdrawn from consideration at this time.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 619-688-1300 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

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